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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SELECTION OF GENERAL HAIG AS SACEUR

1. MAJOR BRITISH MORNING PAPERS CARRY PROMINENT REPORTS
THAT GENERAL HAIG EITHER HAS BEEN SELECTED OR IS BEING
CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS SACEUR. CITING "AUTHOR-
TATIVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS" OR KNOWLEDGEABLE US
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PRESS/TV SOURCES THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS IMMINENT, MOST

ACCOUNTS SPECULATE THAT -- NOTWITHSTANDING GENERAL HAIG'S
POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS -- THE NOMINATION
WOULD LIKELY ENCOUNTER WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION AS A RESULT
OF HIS CLOSE TIES TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON.

2. THE FINANCIAL TIMES, IN AN ITEM DATED LINED BRUSSELS,
ECHOES THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE'S REPORT THAT THE
DUTCH ARE PARTICULARLY UPSET BY THE PROSPECT OF A HAIG
APPOINTMENT AND HAVE BEGUN TO SOUND OUT THEIR EUROPEAN
ALLIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED NOMINATION. A KNOWLEDGEABLE FCO OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF
THIS MORNING THAT, WHILE SOME SUCH DUTCH INITIATIVE
MAY BE IN PROSPECT, HMG HAS NOT AS YET BEEN APPROACHED. SOHM

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